

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Telecommunications Division
Carrier Branch**

RESOLUTION T-16932

R E S O L U T I O N

Resolution T-16932. Verizon California Inc. (U-1002-C). Request to Grandfather Verizon's Local and Access Frame Relay Service (FRS).

By Advice Letter No. 11118, filed on March 8, 2005.

Summary

This Executive Director Action Resolution approves Verizon California Inc. (Verizon) request in Advice Letter (AL) No. 11118 to grandfather Verizon's Local and Access Frame Relay Service (FRS). The grandfather request is necessary because Lucent, the equipment manufacturer, has discontinued making the Lucent STDX-9000 switch and replacement parts for this existing switch.

Background

By AL No. 11118, filed on March 8, 2005, Verizon requests authority to grandfather its Local and Access Frame Relay Service (FRS) for which the equipment manufacturer has discontinued making the Lucent STDX-9000 switch and replacement parts for this existing switch. FRS is a "fast-packet" network service that permits the two-way transmission of data at speeds from 56 Kps to 45 Mbps. On June 30, 2002, Verizon's equipment vendor began the process of withdrawing support for parts, technical assistance and repair of the hardware and software required to provide this service.

Verizon states that existing FRS Optional Payment Plan (OPP) customers may continue their service until their OPP expires or their service is discontinued, whichever occurs first. Existing FRS month-to-month customers may continue their service until five years from the effective date of this Advice Letter or until their service is discontinued, whichever comes first. When all customers have been migrated off the service, Verizon will file a request to withdraw the service from its tariff. Verizon's customers have been notified by mail of the changes to their service.

Verizon requests this Advice Letter effective on April 11, 2005.

Notice/Protests

Verizon states that copies of this Advice Letter have been mailed to adjacent utilities and/or other utilities. Notice of AL No. 11118 was published in the Commission Daily Calendar of March 14, 2005.

No protest to AL No. 11118 has been received.

Discussion

Telecommunications Division (TD) has reviewed Verizon's AL No. 11118. TD concludes that Verizon's request for authority to grandfather its Local and Access Frame Relay Service (FRS) is reasonable.

Resolution No. T-9598, dated March 22, 1977, authorizes the Executive Director to grant requests to freeze or limit communications utility services of equipment that has been manufacturer discontinued.

Since the equipment manufacturer has discontinued making the Lucent STDX-9000 switch and replacement parts for this existing switch, TD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.

Commission approval is based on the specifics of the Advice Letter and does not establish a precedent for the contents of future filings or for Commission approval of similar requests.

Findings

1. By AL No. 11118, filed on March 8, 2005, Verizon requests authority to grandfather its Local and Access Frame Relay Service (FRS) for which the equipment manufacturer has discontinued making the Lucent STDX-9000 switch and replacement parts for this existing switch.
2. Verizon's existing FRS Optional Payment Plan (OPP) customers may continue their service until their OPP expires or their service is discontinued, whichever occurs first.

3. Verizon's existing FRS month-to-month customers may continue their service until five years from the effective date of this Advice Letter or until their service is discontinued, whichever comes first.
4. When all customers have been migrated off the service, Verizon will file an Advice Letter to withdraw the service from its tariff.
5. Verizon's customers have been notified by mail of the changes to their service.
6. After reviewing AL No. 11118, TD concludes that Verizon's request for authority to grandfather its Local and Access Frame Relay Service (*FRS) is reasonable. TD recommends that the Commission approve this filing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Verizon is granted authority to grandfather its Local and Access Frame Relay Service (FRS), effective April 11, 2005.
2. Verizon's existing FRS Optional Payment Plan (OPP) customers may continue their service until their OPP expires or their service is discontinued, whichever occurs first.
3. Verizon's existing FRS month-to-month customers may continue their service until five years from the effective date of this Advice Letter or until their service is discontinued, whichever comes first.
4. When all customers have been migrated off the service, Verizon shall file an Advice Letter to withdraw the service from its tariff.
5. Verizon's AL No. 11118 and related tariff sheets shall be marked to indicate that they were authorized by California Public Commission Resolution T-16932 and its effective date.

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This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by Executive Action Resolution on April 7, 2005.

/s/ STEVE LARSON

STEVE LARSON
Executive Director